

HALIFAX MASSACHUSETTS



250th Celebration
1734 – 1984

We the "Commemorative Book Committee" of the Halifax 250th Birthday Committee, have compiled this pictorial book as a historical remembrance of this special year in our town.

The Committee worked for four years raising money and making plans for the July 4th week of celebration.

Depicted in this book are some events held prior to the 250th year of Halifax, some events held in the early part of this historic year, and some held after the week of celebration.

The July 4th week was a week to remember with activities during each day. As you look through the pages you can see just how big an event the 250th Birthday was to the townspeople.

All of these photographs were taken by spectators and loaned to the committee to produce this unique display in picture form.

The Committee would like to thank all of those who came forward with their photographs for us to use.

We would like to say that if we have made any errors in identifying those in the photographs, we are sorry. Some pictures had people we didn't know and some were not clear enough to name each person.

In years to come you can re-live this spectacular 250th Birthday celebration through this book.

Commemorative Book Committee

Donald J. Ethier, Jr.

Ruth V. Perkins

Dorene E. Kiernan

Jeannette F. Bosworth

Otis Bosworth

James W. H. Baker

Gilda D. Flanagan

Kathryn A. Roche

Elizabeth D. Corti



Committee Co-Chairpersons — Don Ethier and June Shire



Secretary Edith Ethier and Treasurer Ruth Perkins



Parade Committee

Front: Kathryn Roche, Gilda Flanagan, Betty Corti. Second row: Tom Fitzgerald, Roger Pelletier, Fire Chief Ken Calvin, William Smith. On the committee but not in the picture: June Shire, Kenneth Corti, Stacy Martekke, Kathryn Brenton.



Publicity Committee

Front: Kathryn Roche, Carole Duksta, Claire Kyser. Second row: Richard Roche, Joe Riley, Martha Smith, Beverly Sturtevant, Don Ethier. On the committee but not in the picture: David Swift, Kauren Dennis, Robert Dennis, Maureen Rogers.



Program Committee

Carole Duksta, Barbara Laverty, Ellen Snoeyenbos. On the committee but not in the picture: Sandra LaCivita, Deborah Coots, Elaine Barie.



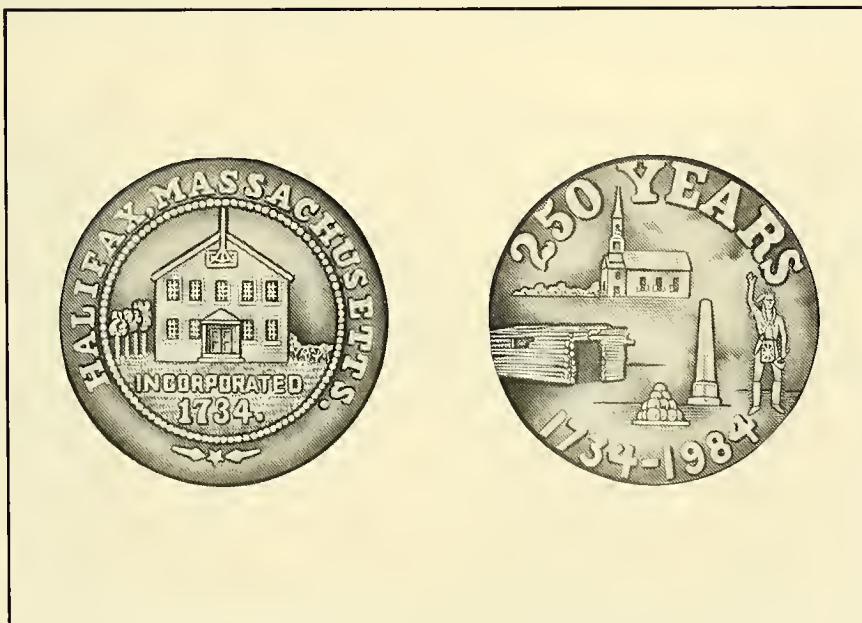
Historical Book Committee

Front: Dorene Kiernan, Ruth Perkins, Jeannette Bosworth.
Second row: C. Otis Bosworth, Jr., Roger Pelletier, John Shea,
James W. H. Baker, Harry Brown.

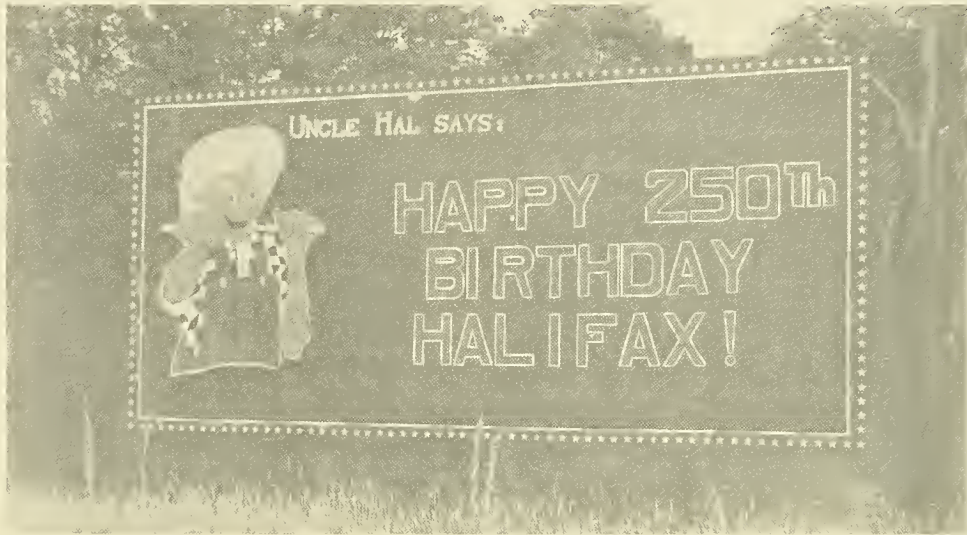


Fund Raising

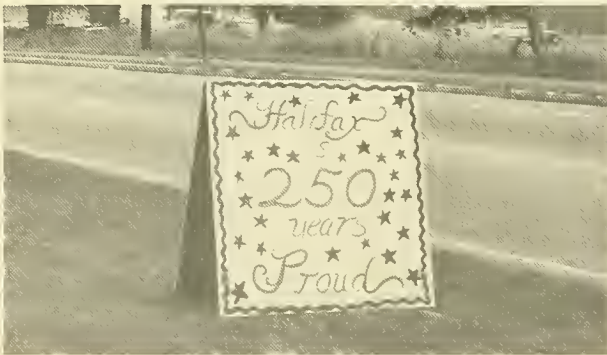
Dick Shire and John Laverty. On the committee but not in the picture:
Dorothy Landry, Elizabeth Corti, Joseph Walsh.



Let's Celebrate



Billboard on Route 106



In front of Town Hall



Sign at Routes 58 and 106



Don Ethier, Carole Duksta, Ken Corti



THE
TOWN
of
HALIFAX
MASSACHUSETTS

proudly
CELEBRATES
its'

250TH
BIRTHDAY
★ JULY 1-8, 1984 ★

PROGRAM
of
★ EVENTS ★

Plymouth County Development Council



*Shake hands with Uncle Hal and
have him sign your program.*

- ★ Most events are free and are to be held on the Elementary School grounds.
- ★ Persons entering various premises DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK.
- ★ No concessions or hawkers allowed on Town property or Parade route without prior permission.
- ★ No bicycles allowed on School grounds or Parade route.

*Pamphlet design by C. Duksta
Printing by Harry B. Harding & Son, Inc.*

250TH BIRTHDAY
★ PROGRAM of EVENTS ★

🌀 JULY 4 🌀
Wednesday

- 🌀 JULY 1 🌀
Sunday
- 1:00 Opening Procession
Proclamation/Town Crier
Flag Ceremony
Essay Awards - Town Hall
 - 1:00 - Memorabilia Display
 - 3:00 United Church
 - 1:00 - Wood Splitting
 - 4:00 Log Roll
Chain Saw Event (Pre-register at Morgan
Power Equipment - \$)
Contests & Demonstrations
 - 4:00 • Brian Gillie Family Concert

🌀 JULY 2 🌀
Monday

- 12:00 3rd Annual 250th Golf Tournament
Mixed Scramble and
- 7:00 Dinner at the H.C.C.
- TBA Post Office Open House

🌀 JULY 3 🌀
Tuesday

- 2:00 † Green Grass Cloggers Workshop -
Elementary School Gym (\$)
- 6:30 ■ Green Grass Cloggers Concert
- DARK Fireworks (rain date July 6)

*The 250th Birthday Committee has the right to
reschedule or cancel events without notice.*

- 9:45 Kids on Wheels Parade
- 10:00 ■ Jerry Bryant - Sea Chanties,
Folk Songs - ongoing
- 10:00 - Bake Off (entries due 10 a.m. -
12:00 Judging & Auction at noon)
Cut Flower & House Plant Competition
Petting Zoo
- 10:00 - Chalk Drawing Contest
- 1:00
- 10:00 - Historical Society Open House
Children's Art Exhibit
- 10:00 - Juried Crafts Fair
- 5:00 Mini-Midway
Face Painting (ongoing)
- 10:15 Relay Races, Sack Races, etc.
- 10:30 Beautiful Baby Contest
- 11:00 - Flag Pole Climb
- 1:00 Spinners Exhibition
- 11:30 Treasures-in-the-Sand (under 4)
- 12:00 • Dario and Company
Dowsing Exhibition
- 12:00 - Checkers, Dungeons & Dragons,
Cribbage (bring own games)
- 5:00
- 1:00 Stuffed Pet Contest
† 1st Magic Workshop (gym) (\$)
Doodle Contest
- 2:00 Preschool Sing-a-long
† 2nd Magic Workshop (gym) (\$)
- 2:30 Watermelon Spitting Contest (own seeds)
- 3:00 Rolling Pin Throwing Contest (adults)
- 6:30 ■ Concert - End of the Road
- DARK Bonfire

250TH
BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE
★ MEMBERS ★

Committee Co-Chairpersons

Donald Ethier, Jr. June Shire

Secretary

Edith Ethier

Treasurer

Ruth Perkins

Sub-Committee Chairpersons

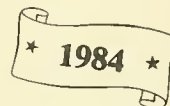
Carole Duksta Sandra LaCivita
Roger Pelletier Ruth Perkins

Richard Shire

Members (Past & Present)

James W.H. Baker	Paula Balutis
Elaine Barie	C. Otis Bosworth, Jr.
Daniel Bosworth	Jeannette Bosworth
Kathryn Brenton	Harry Brown
Deborah Coots	Betty Corti
Ken Corti	Nancy Ethier
Thomas Fitzgerald	Gilda Flanagan
Dorothy Hammond	Frank Hammond
Dorene Kiernan	Claire Kyser
Dorothy Landry	Barbara Lavery
John Lavery	Stacy Marukke
Catherine McDermott	Joe Quigley
Joe Riley	Kathryn Roche
Richard Roche	Maureen Rogers
William Rudolph	Linda Redding
Martha Smith	William Smith
Ellen Snoeyenbos	Beverly Sturtevant
John Shea	David Swift
Kauren Dennis	Robert Dennis

Joe Walsh



🌀 JULY 5 🌀

Thursday

A day of rest!

🌀 JULY 6 🌀

Friday

- 6:00 Youth Band Concert
- 6:45 Beard Judging Contest
- 7:30 Square Dance Exhibition & Participation

🌀 JULY 7 🌀

Saturday

- 10:00 250th Grand Parade
- A P Gold Coin Raffle Drawing
- F A (Reviewing Stand)
- T R Police Dog Exhibition
- E A Magic Show
- R D Silver Coin Auction - Noon - Town Green
- E ■ Co. B, 3rd Mass. Volunteers
Civil War Encampment
- 1:00 Historical Society Open House

🌀 JULY 8 🌀

Sunday

- 1:30 Time Capsule Burial
- 2:00 Library Open House
Historical Society Open House
Spelling Bee - Old School House
Raindate for Parade

Events are free except where noted (\$)

- Sponsored by Massachusetts Lottery Arts as administered by the Halifax Arts Council
- Sponsored by Halifax Parent Teachers Association
- † Underwritten by Halifax Creative Arts Council

Saturday, March 3, 1984



Uncle Hal, Bob Kennedy,
Janet Pooler

Halifax
250th



Birthday Ball
March 3, 1984



Edie and Bob Pooler



John and Claire Kyser



Ken and Betty Corti



June and Dick Shire



Sandra LaCivita and Uncle Hal

Ball - March 3, 1984



Betty and Ken Corti



Halifax Hully-Gully



Claire Kyser and Bob Pooler



Sarah and Robert Kennedy



Claire and John Kyser



Carole and Fran Duksta, John Shea

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

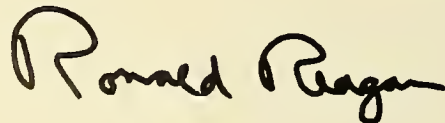
June 27, 1984

To the Citizens of Halifax:

I am pleased to send warm greetings to all those gathered to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Halifax.

The spirit which has built and sustained your community reflects the energy which has forged America into a land of wonder. As a community held by fellowship and goodwill, Halifax has become "home" to many who love it dearly. Further, it stands as an example of the blessings of liberty and freedom to those around the world.

My hearty congratulations on this proud, historic occasion and my best wishes in the years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R".

July 1, 1984

OPENING DAY CEREMONIES

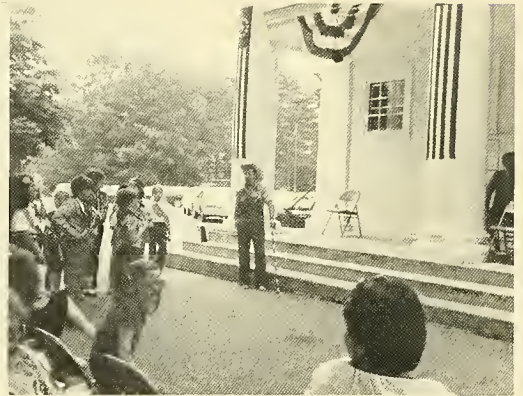
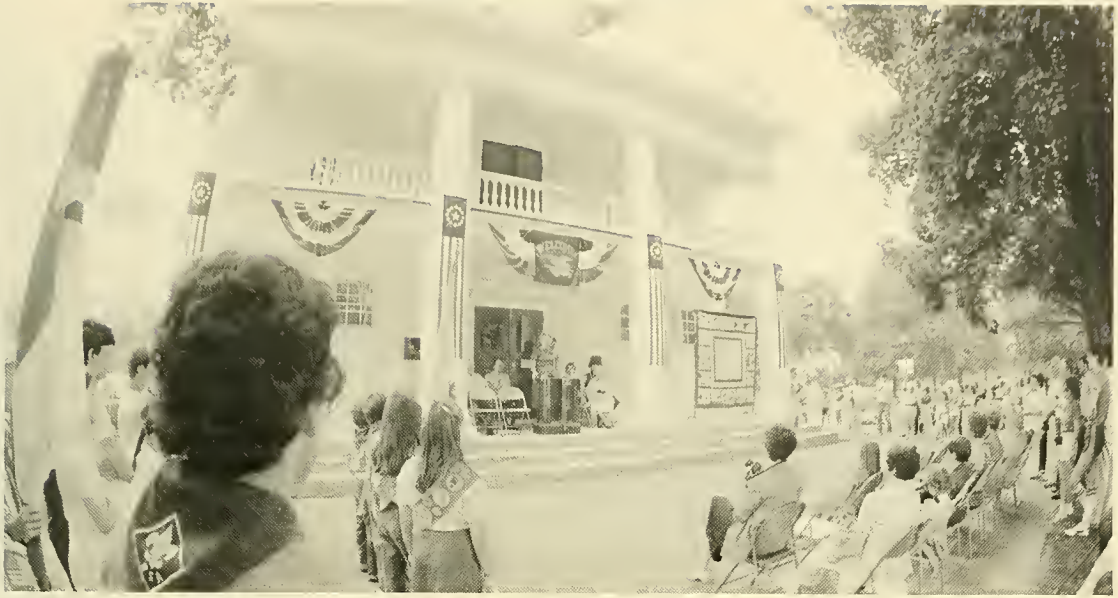


L. to R., Albert Bergman, Daniel Clark, Richard Shire, Senator Edward Kirby, Robert Kennedy, Bertha (Thompson) Crosby, Dorothy Pugsley, Hilda Thomas

July 1, 1984 Opening Day



Opening Day



Opening Ceremonies – Spectators

July 1, 1984

Sunday



Opening Day July 1, 1984



FLAG RAISING



July 1, 1984 Opening Day



Spectators



Flossie Hayward
Gladys Burroughs

Hilda Thomas
Bertha Thompson Crosby



Edgar Bent, Sandra LaCivita,
Carole Duksta, Elaine Barie



Oscar & Inez Gassett



Uncle Hal, Sandra LaCivita, Deborah Coots

July 1, 1984



Quilters



Left to right: Kate Hilliard, Norma Koeppel, Deborah Sturtevant, Martha Robitaille, Diane Burgholzer, Dorothy Pugsley, Joan Rice, Shirley Bent.

Pope's Tavern
G. Soule House Shirley Bent

Map of Halifax Diane Burgholzer

Halifax Elementary School
Civil War Monument * Janice Cooke

Schoolhouse No. 1
Trunk Meeting House Kate Hilliard

Halifax Garden Co. Sign * Ruth Kauffman

Halifax Central School
Halifax Town Hall * Donna Kenison

Dr. Morton's House
Holmes Public Library Norma Koeppel

United Church of Christ Dorothy Pugsley

Our Lady of the Lake Church Joan Rice

Saw Mill Martha Robitaille

T. Wood House
Sturtevant House Debbie Sturtevant

Other Stitchers * Gladys Stevens
* Heidi Burgholzer
* Ruth Gates

*Not in picture

The Ladies



Hilda Thomas, Ruth Gates, Gladys Burroughs,
Gladys Stevens, Flossie Hayward



Ruth Gates, Gladys Stevens

July 1, 1984 – Opening Day



Bertha (Thompson) Crosby
8th Generation from 1st Settler, John Tomson (Thompson)



250th Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony

July 1, 1984

Brian Gillie Family Concert



Uncle Hal Making Introduction



Brian Gillie Entertaining



Appreciative Audience

Brian Gillie Family Concert

July 1, 1984



Participants



Wood Splitting Sunday, July 1, 1984



Onlookers of Woodsplitting



Log Rolling Contest



Larry Woodbury



Wood Splitting Contest

Lloyd Wright



Chainsaw Contestants



Chainsaw Contest, Fred Burlone

Center of Attraction – Open All Week



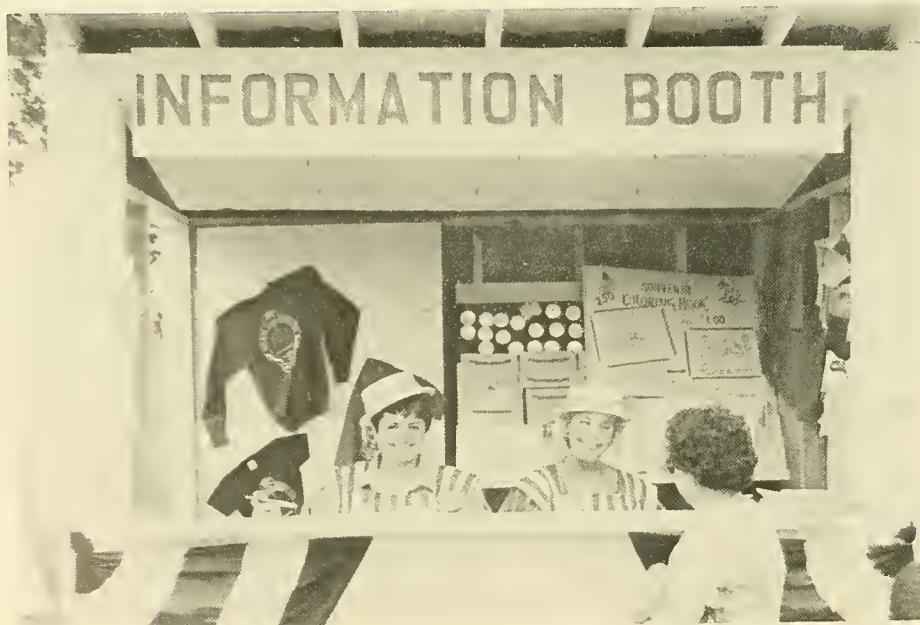
Hilda Thomas
and
Jim Baker



They came from near and far —
California, Maine, Arizona and Florida



Information, Please



Carole Duksta and Judy Leff

Monday, July 2, 1984

Post Office Open House



(Left to right) Postmaster Paul Jewett, Town Clerk Ruth Perkins, Richard Samuelson, Brockton Sectional Manager, Daniel Clark, Selectman, Robert DeCosta, Director of Customer Services.



(Left to right) Daniel Clark, Amy Rudolph, Walter Malone, Richard Samuelson, Ruth Perkins, Paul Jewett, Robert DeCosta.



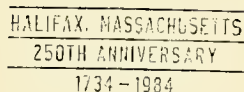
**United States
Postal Service**

HALIFAX, MA. 02338

To: Town Clerk and Treasurer
Halifax, Ma. 02338

As part of the 250 TH anniversary of the town of Halifax, the employee's
of the Halifax Post Office are proud to present the first cancellation
to the Town Clerk and Treasurer of Halifax, Massachusetts.

<u>John F. Landry</u>	<u>Barbara Ellis</u>
<u>Daniel W. Briggs</u>	<u>Thomas Burt</u>
<u>Elizabeth W. Wood</u>	<u>Barbara White</u>
<u>Lucille L. Estes</u>	<u>Jeffrey Hipman</u>
<u>Robert J. Venacchi</u>	<u>Maurice L. Rogers</u>



Golf Tournaments

84



Carole Duksta — 1984



Uncle Hal, Donald Ethier
1984

1982



Rev. Father McCarthy, Rev. Father Godfrey, Dorothy Landry,
Rep. Joseph Moakley, John Campbell

Tuesday, July 3, 1984

Green Grass Cloggers



Clogging Workshop



Green Grass Cloggers

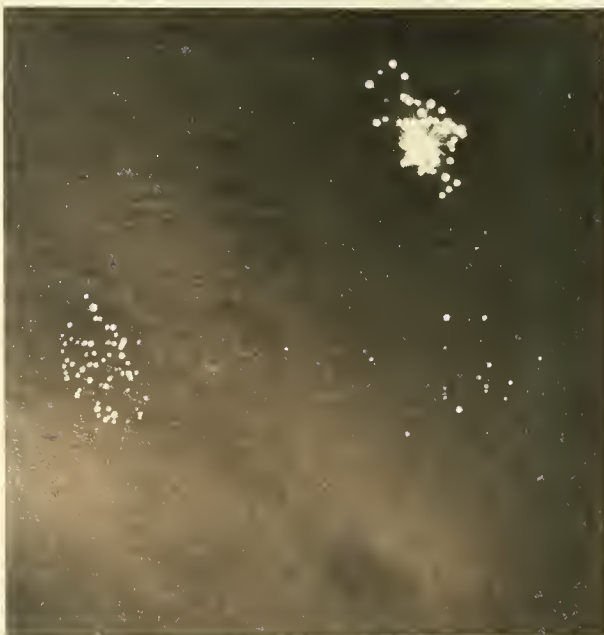


High Steppin' Show

July 3rd - Fireworks



Readying the Fireworks Display



The Night the Lights Went Up in Halifax

Kids On Wheels

Wednesday, July 4, 1984



Brandon Williamson, Matthew Boschen, Darren Shea



Deke Braddock



Sara Hilliard



Kids On Wheels

Wednesday, July 4, 1984



Michael Fiaschetti, Fiona Walsh



Judging Time

Wednesday, July 4 – Kids On Wheels



Clown, Ken Riley

Wednesday, July 4, 1984



Erica Nordgren



Darren Shea



Laura Rhue, Kaitlyn Rhue



Kelly DePasqua, Nancy Lawless



Stacey DePasqua

Kids On Wheels – July 4, 1984



Kristen LaCivita



Joey Lyons



Karla LaCivita

Wednesday, July 4th – Kids On Wheels



Jean Williams, Ellen Hickey



Michelle Erwin greeted by Uncle Hal

July 4, 1984



Sea Chanties Singer

Folk Songs — Jerry Bryant



Sea Chanties Entertainment

July 4, 1984 Activities



Spectators Enjoy!



Rolling Pin Throw



Off to Races



Rolling Pin Throw



Dunking Tank

July 4, 1984 Activities



Sack Race



Eric Derochers, Jamie Lyons, Bobby Winters



Having Fun



Frisbee Throwing



Dunking Tank — Matthew Hilliard
Throwing Ball

Wednesday, July 4, 1984 Activities



Green Grass Clogger Spectators



Chalk Drawing



Fun with Games



Norma Koeppel, Spinner



Historical Society Display

Wednesday July 4, 1984 Activities



Dunking Tank Lineup



Rolling Pin Contest



Face Painting



Watching Greased Flagpole Climb



Spectators Enjoying Field Activities

Wednesday, July 4, 1984

BEAUTIFUL BABY CONTEST

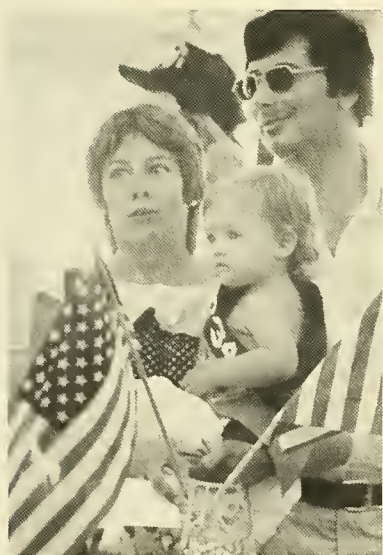


Everybody Smile!



Quiet — Small Person Sleeping

Wednesday, July 4, 1984
BEAUTIFUL BABY CONTEST



Wednesday, July 4 - Flag Pole Climb



Struggling



Successful



Mark Alban



Chad McLeod



Joe Basile



Uncle Hal congratulating a winner

July 4, 1984



Historical Society Display
Harry Brown, James Baker



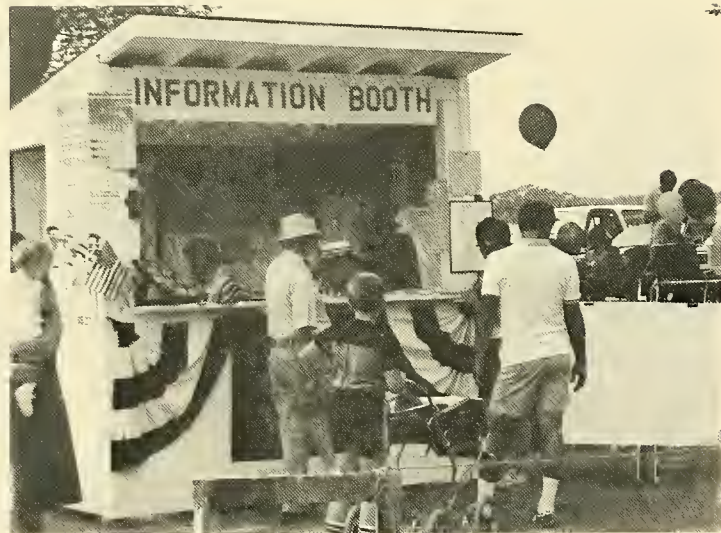
Dowsing Trainee with Instructor Harry Brown on right



Bake Off



Gilda Flanagan,
Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest



Busy Spot — Info Booth

Wednesday, July 4th - Stuffed Pet Contest



Lisa Gentile, Sara Whitney, Laurel Rigo, Candi-Jo Rigo



Unknown, Billy Russell, Amy Andrews, Scott Roche

July 4, 1984



Petting Zoo



Juried Crafts Fair



Firefighters' Food Booth



All Dressed Up



Rolling Pin Contestants
Tracy Houle, Margaret Fitzgerald, Mary McCullough, Kathleen Fitzgerald



Crafts on Display

Wednesday, July 4 - Bonfire



Ken Corti on Top of the World



Under Construction



Chief Ken Calvin and Work Crew



Fireman Robert Woodbury



Up in Flames



Wednesday, July 4 – Bonfire



Thursday, July 5, 1984

State House – Signing of Proclamation



Gilda Flanagan, Dorene Kiernan, Gov. Michael Dukakis, Roger Pelletier, James W. H. Baker, Uncle Hal (Donald Ethier)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

By His Excellency
MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS
Governor
A PROCLAMATION
1984

WHEREAS: The Town of Halifax will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of its incorporation, July 4, 1734; and

WHEREAS: Halifax was one of the first Military Companies to receive its Charter from Governor Hancock, Company A, known as the Halifax Light Infantry, was organized in 1792; and

WHEREAS: It was one of the first to respond to Lincoln's call for volunteers, to which the town erected the first Civil War Memorial in the state; and

WHEREAS: The inhabitants of this town have contributed immeasurably to the growth and development of our great Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: Halifax was the first town in the United States to organize a Sunday School, April 22, 1746; and

WHEREAS: Many citizens have distinguished themselves in the field of public service in the town; and

WHEREAS: The town has always kept pace with progress and embraced the newer settlers and given a sense of prosperity and pride to all who live within her borders; and

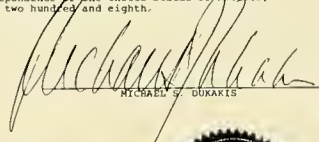
WHEREAS: The celebration of the anniversary is of great importance not only to the inhabitants of the town, but also to the Commonwealth at large;

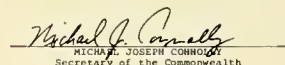
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim July 1 - 8, 1984, as

TOWN OF HALIFAX WEEK
in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston,
this twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand
nine hundred and eighty-four, and of the
Independence of the United States of America,
the two hundred and eighth.

By His Excellency the Governor


MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS


MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNELLY
Secretary of the Commonwealth



Friday, July 6, 1984



"Alliance"

"End of the Road"



Happy Spectators

Beard Judging – July 6, 1984



Al Longo and Uncle Hal leading parade for judging.

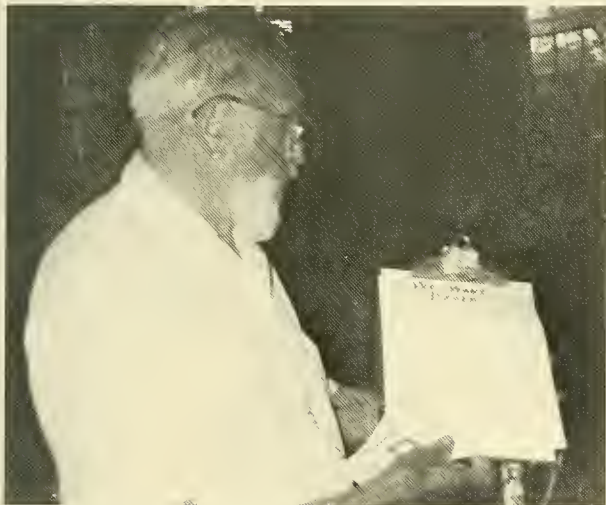


Contestants Awaiting Judges' Decision



Beard Judging - July 6, 1984

Ken Corti and Peter Norkus checking the competition.

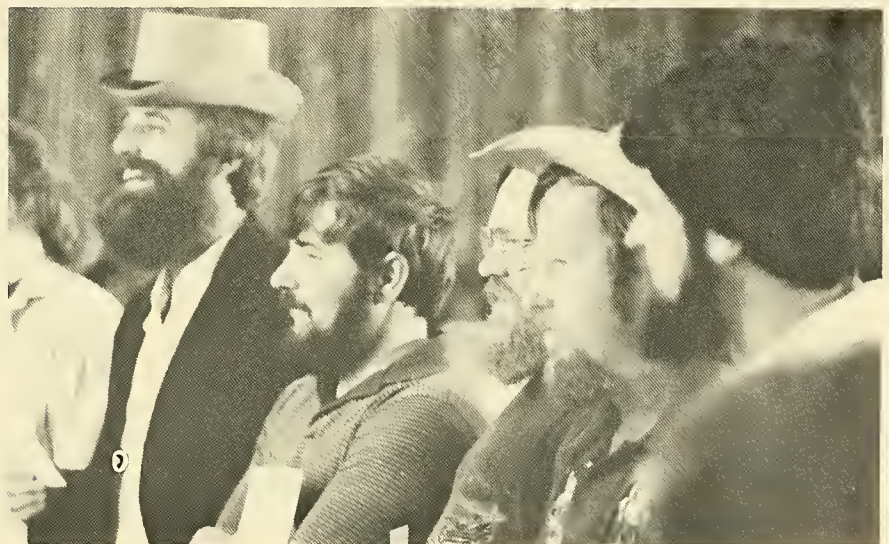


Jim Baker influencing the Judges.



The Mayor of Halifax, Penn. reading Proclamation from his home town.

Contestants
Awaiting
Judgement



Memorial Day Parades

250th Birthday Committee Floats



1982



1983



1984

250th Grand Parade — Saturday, July 4, 1984



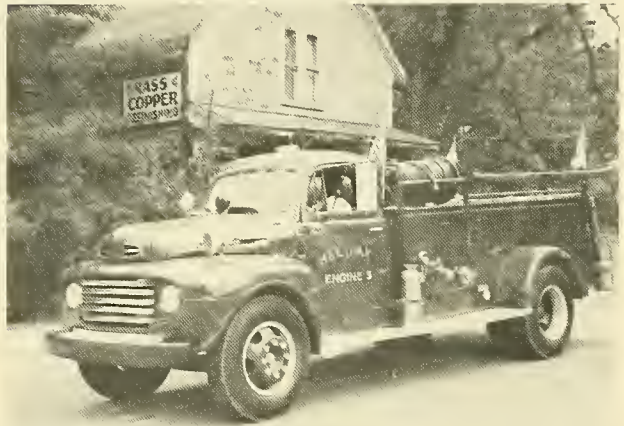
Line of Area Fire Engines



Aunt Hallie and Uncle Hal, Rep. Charles Mann, and Board of Selectmen



Acting Police Chief, Wayne Cole



Old Halifax Engine No. 3



Parade Marshals,
James Baker and Hilda Thomas



Silver Lake Marching Band

July 7, 1984 - Reviewing Stand





4-H Members



Halifax Teachers' Association



Roger Randall Ridin' High



4-H Mascot — Alan Danforth



David Badore leading Kiwanians



Dave Briggs, Phil Badore, Bill Perkins,
John Kessinger, Dick Hull

Saturday, July 7, 1984



Snow Girls Dance Troup



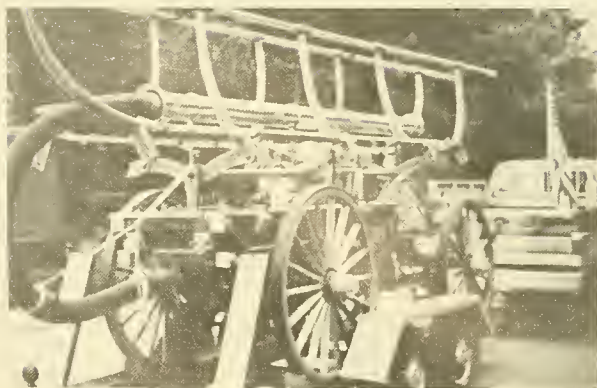
Abington Savings Bank Float



Replica of First Home Float – Otis Bosworth



The Donald Randall Family



Brockton's Antique Pumper



Halifax Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts

Saturday, July 7, 1984



United Church of Christ Float



Grapevine Florist Float



South Shore Antique Auto Club



Halifax American Legion #332

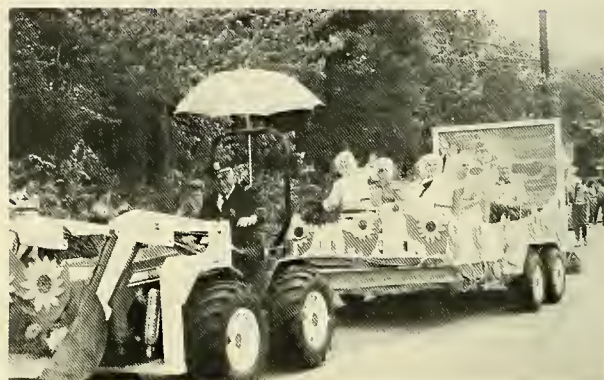


Colonel George Schilling

Saturday, July 7, 1984



Pegasus 4-H Club



Council on Aging Float



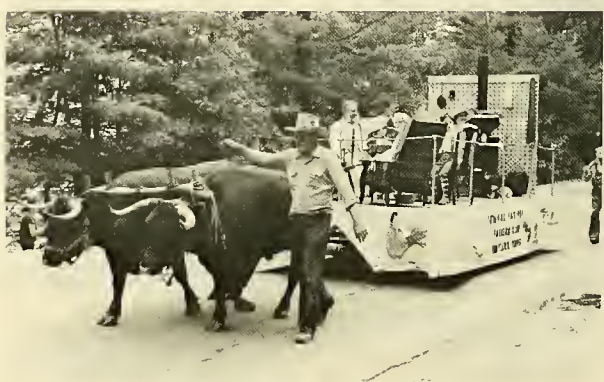
Redman's Band



Halifax Girl Scouts



Joe Basile — Unicycle



Halifax Farmers Club Float

Saturday, July 7, 1984



Halifax Civic Organization Float



Horses on Parade from Brockton



Super Scoopers
Michael Barie and Wayne Cole, Jr.



Super Scoopers Ready for Action

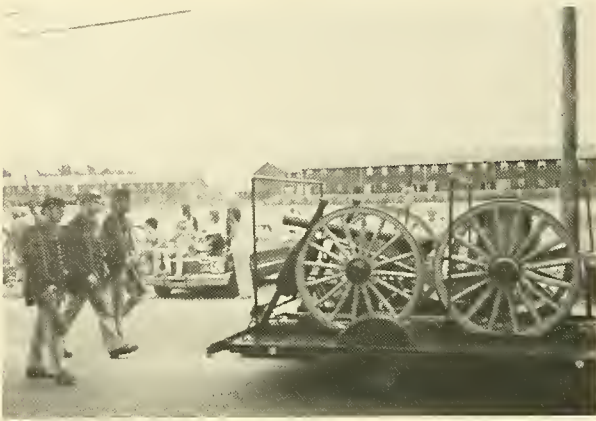


Halifax Future 300th Birthday Committee



Mobile Home Estates Float

Saturday, July 7, 1984



Civil War – 3rd Volunteers



Chester Fife and Drum Corps



"Mother Goose," Inez Gassett and Story Book characters.

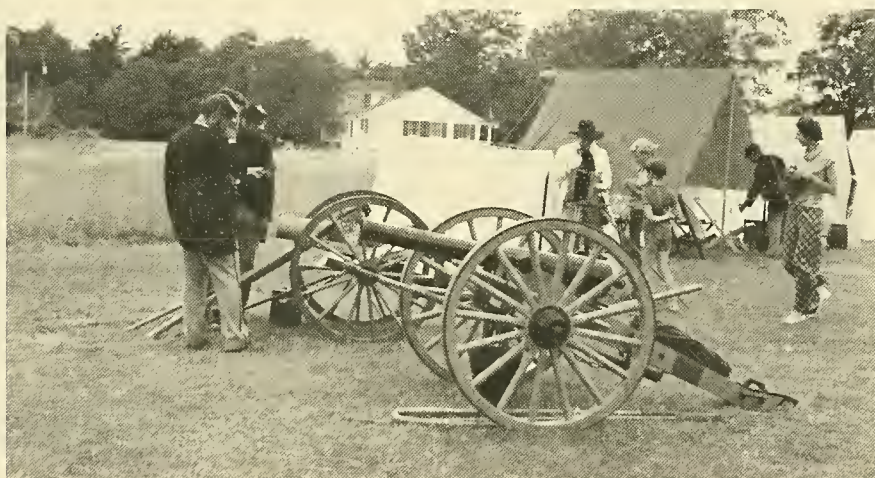


South Shore Antique Auto Club President's Car



Nancy and "Uncle Hal," Don Ethier. The end of the Parade.

July 7, 1984
Civil War Encampment
Co-B-Third Mass. Volunteers



July 7, 1984

Silver & Gold Coin Auction



Auctioneer Wilhem Lemmens, Chairman of Fund Raising Richard Shire; Mark Moller and Hilda Thomas in front of Town Hall.



Coin winner being drawn by oldest resident, Hilda Thomas.



Hoping to be winners

July 8, 1984

Time Capsule Burial



Otis Bosworth

Ralph Hayward



Otis Bosworth

Richard Shire

July 8, 1984 Time Capsule Burial



Drying Out the Capsule Site

C. Otis Bosworth, Richard Shire,
Kristen LaCivita, Heather McFadden,
Karla LaCivita.



Watching the Time Capsule Burial

Sunday, July 8, 1984

Spelling Bee



Held at the Old School House — Historical Society Building



Sunday, July 8, 1984

Spelling Bee



Halifax Historical Society
Old School House, South Street



Library Open House Sunday, July 8, 1984

Hilda Thomas, Hazel Atwood,
Bea Binns, Ann Heinonen
Past and Present Librarians & Trustees



Herb Garden



Hazel Atwood, Inez Gassett

Half Marathon August 25, 1984



On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!



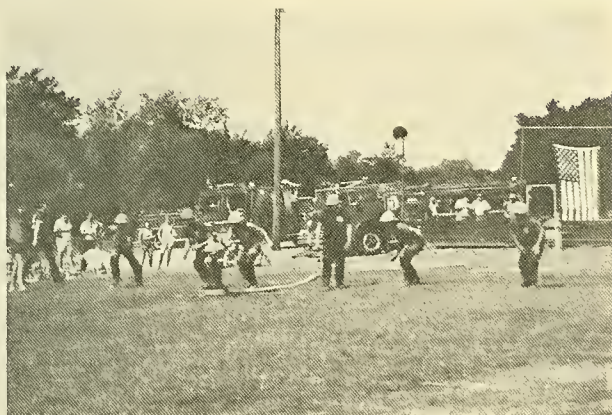
The Winning Touch

75th Anniversary Celebration Firemen's Muster

August 26, 1984



Firemen's Muster Team



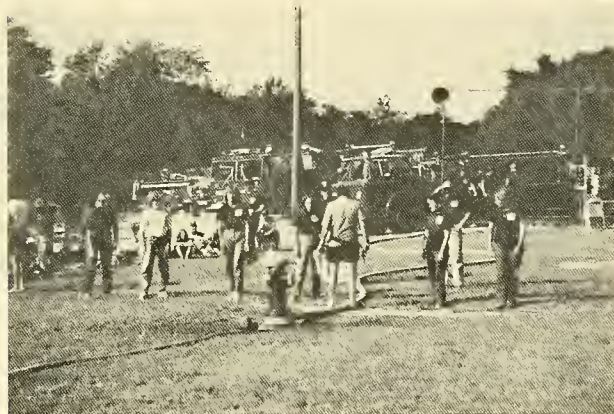
Man Power



Come on guys, help!



Going as fast as I can



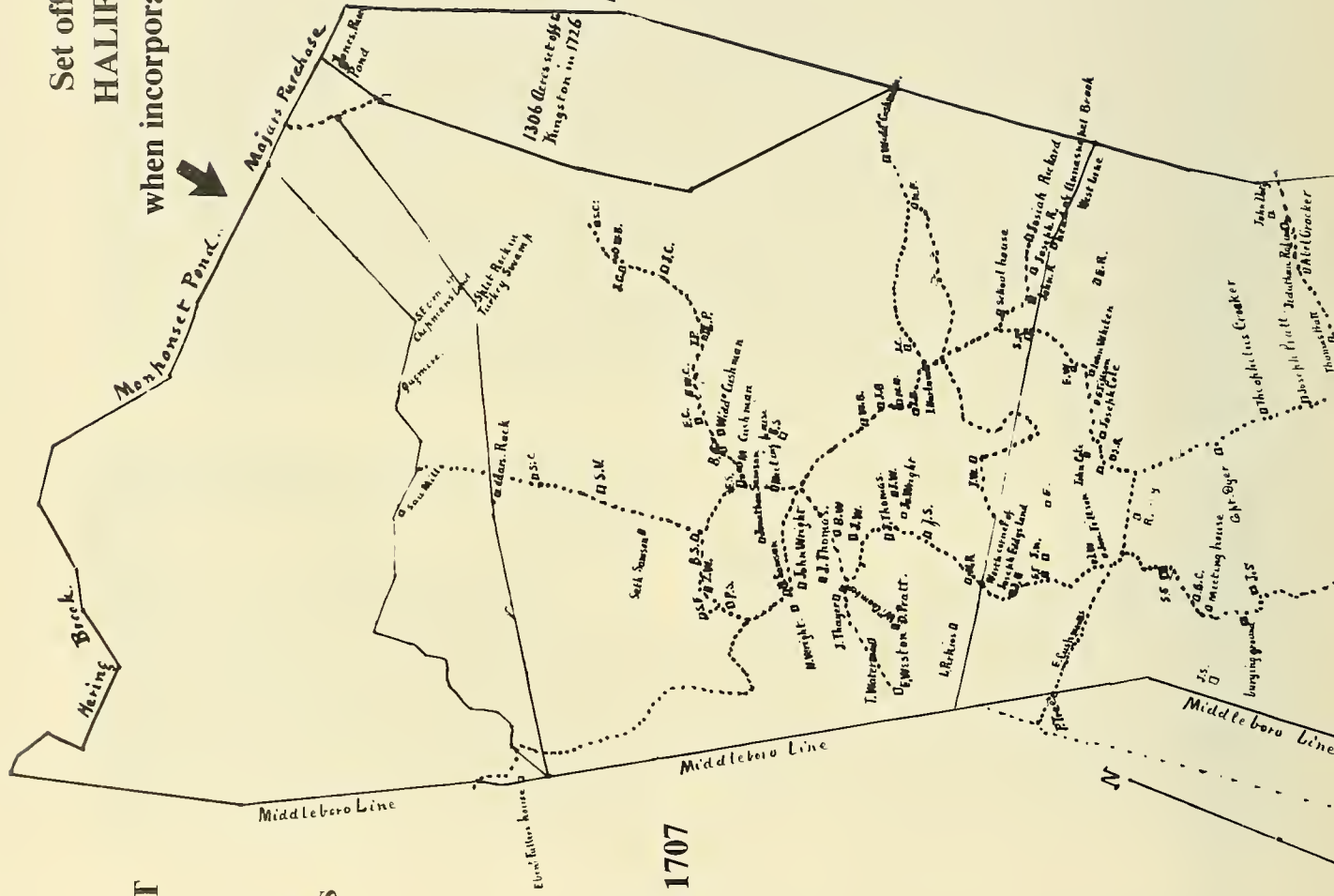
Woman Power

WESTERN PRECINCT
OF
PLYMOUTH
Incorporated 1695
Contained 35,200 Acres

Set off to
PLYMPTON
when incorporated in 1707

Set off to
HALIFAX
when incorporated in 1734

Set off to
KINGSTON
when incorporated in 1726



Worked

Thompson

1734

Middle part of the town 8634 Acres

between the petition line & the projected line 1447 acres

from y^e projected line to the north end of y^e town 5044 Acres.

drawn by a scale of 6 in an inch & 35 in a part - Col. 1867.

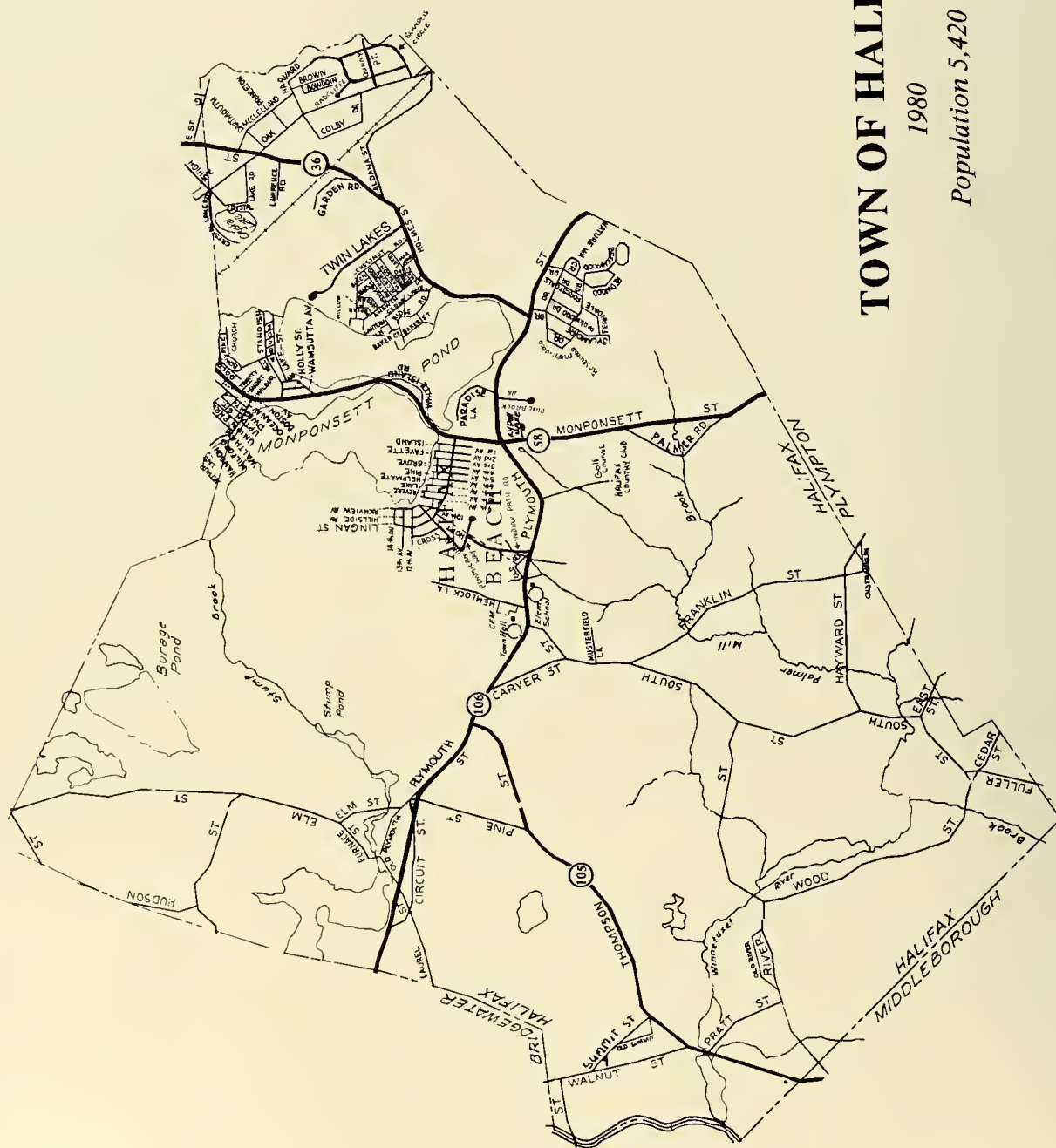
from a man in the hand writing of Jacob
drawn by a slave of one another & sold a part - 10 June 1807

Jefferson, a little to the north of Perry's farm, is supposed to have been whittled in 1734

The mineral water is in possession of the Town

the original plane is the same as the original plane.

of Thyngston. This place we called



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